

Dr. Alexander Alison, Jr.

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Bridgeport District

Growth of Bridgeport

Present Day Bridgeport

Religious Life in Bridgeport

St. Peter's Church

State Street

Interview with Rev. Dr. Alexander Alison, Jr.

When I tried to question the Rev. Dr. Alison, he was rather suspicious. This attitude made it difficult for me to get much information. After explaining the work we are attempting to do, and convincing him that he would not obligate himself, he finally gave me some information.

The church is Fundamental in beliefs. It attempts to follow as closely as possible the teachings of the Bible.

The seating capacity of the church is 1,112; the membership 700. The church conducts a Sunday School, whose membership is between 400 and 500. A Summer Sunday School is also conducted by the church, numbering [as?] its attendants some 400 people.

The church has several societies, as follows: Young Peoples's [Society?] whose aims are both religious and social; the Women's League, Bible [?] and social; Men's League, Bible

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and social club, whose members serve as ushers; a Missionary Society; and the Men's Club, whis is an athletic group. Bowling and basketball are among this club's sports.

The church is attended by a middle class group, mostly Americans of Scotch and Irish descent. There are also seyrian types attending this church, but there are no Oriental or colored communicants.

Among its other charities, this church supports three missions. C. B. Conn.